

Unufe fakakatau (Taro cluster caterpillar, tropical armyworm) (031)

Fakama'opo'opo

- 'Oku mafola lahi 'i he ngaahi feitu'u mafana 'o 'Eisia moe 'Osenia. Koe 'inisekite maumau mahu'inga 'i he kapisi, temata, 'okula (famili 'o e pele), polo fifisi, manioke, koane, kumala, laise, paingani, kumala vai mo hono fa'ahinga.
- 'Oku lahi hono fua 'i ha tafa'aki pe 'o e la'i 'akau. Ko e fanga ki'i 'unufe iiki, 'oku nau kai pe 'a e fa'ahi ki 'olunga 'o e la'i lau, ka koe 'unufe matu'otu'a 'oku ne kai e la'i lau fakataha moe kau. Taimi lahi 'oku nau ma'u meatokoni he taimi po'uli.
- Ko e mu 'oku nau puna malohi mo mama'o.
- **Founga anga maheni hono mapule'i:** Vakai ma'u pe fua ke tufi mo faka'auha, pea faka'ataa fanga moa kenau 'alu ki he ngoue'anga.
- **Ngaahi fili fakanatula:** Fanga ki'i 'inisekite pe me'a mou'i 'oku nau tamate'i 'a e 'unufe, pea mo e fanga ki'i 'inisekite 'oku kainikavea. 'Oku ola lelei tukukehe ka uesia he saikolone pe la'ala'a.
- **Founga ngaue'aki kemikale:** (PDPs) Kemikale ngaahi mei he kongia 'o e 'akau: niimi, kava 'aukava, famili 'o e teisi, polo fifisi; spinosad or Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) 'i he 'unufe iiki. Founga 'e taha, ngaue'aki 'a e kemikale 'oku ngaahi ka 'oku ngalingali tene faka'auha e ngaahi fili fakaenatula.

Common Name: Taro cluster caterpillar, tropical armyworm (Unufe fakakatau).

Scientific Name: *Spodoptera litura*.

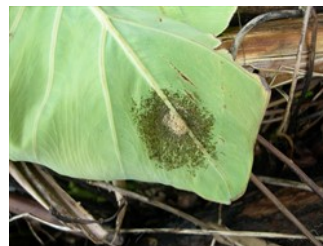


Photo 1. Egg mass and young caterpillars of *Spodoptera litura* eating the underside of taro leaf.

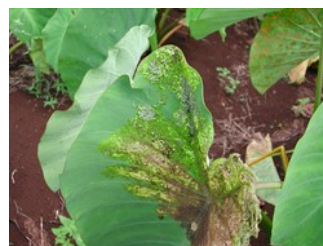


Photo 2. As the caterpillars of *Spodoptera litura* enlarge they eat deeper into the taro leaf; in this photo they have eaten the top surface of the leaf.



Photo 4. Mature caterpillar of *Spodoptera litura*.

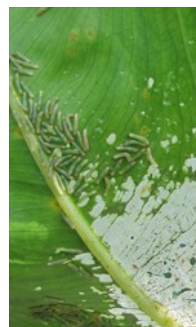


Photo 3. Caterpillars of *Spodoptera litura* have eaten through the leaf of *Alocasia macrorrhizos*, from the under surface, leaving the top waxy layer.



Photo 5. *Spodoptera litura* caterpillar damage on banana. The damage has occurred when the leaf was still rolled when the caterpillar chewed through several layers of the leaf.



Photo 6. Caterpillar of *Spodoptera litura* making holes in a banana leaf.



Photo 7. Adult *Spodoptera litura*.



Photo *Spodoptera litura* damage on *Basella* species.



Photo 8. *Spodoptera litura* on capsicum, under protected cropping.



Photo 9. *Spodoptera litura* caterpillars on *Basella* species under protected cropping.



Photo 10. *Spodoptera litura* damage on *Basella* species under protected cropping.



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